

The 131st annual meeting of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association convened at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 18, 2000, at the Student Center of Otero Junior College in LaJunta, Colorado, with President Bruce Fickenscher presiding.

Joe Kasza gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by the Southeast Colorado Junior Cattlemen's Association. Carl Otteman, president of La Junta Chamber of Commerce, then welcomed our group to La Junta.

Mike Callicrate of St. Frances, Kansas, talked about packer ~~concentration~~ ^{concentration} in the effect of captive supplies on our market.

Brad Young, Colo. State Representative and Mark Hillman, Colo. State Senator spoke on the different issues before the legislation. Rod Brown, Kiowa County Commissioner, spoke on the Sand Creek Massacre memorial in Kiowa County.

Vernon Sharp, CCA President, talked about different items going on at the state level. He mentioned that the State Convention will be held June 19-21 at Pueblo. CCA will have a reverse raffle with tickets being \$20.00 each for a trip to National Finals Rodeo on the last weekend of the finals.

Kent Lebsack, CCA Executive Vice President, then spoke to the group. Kent explained tax bills #1212, 1283 and 1286.

Connie Newbanks, Colorado Cattlewomen president, reported on the state cattlewomen's activities. Virgie Robb, president of Southeast Colo. Cattlewomen gave the group an overview of the organizations activities throughout the past year. She mentioned the response of the microwave beef which was handed out at the Bent-Prowers's booth at the ABCDE show in Lamar.

Kerry Lewis gave the Southeast Colo. Jr. Cattlemen's report. She told the group the new elected officers and what they are planning for activities for the coming year.

Being no further reports to be given, president Bruce Fickenscher, called the business meeting to order.

John Smartt made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Seconded by Kerry Hartshorn. Motion carried.

As there was no old business to act on, Kerry Harthshorn gave the Audit Committee Report. Ken Clark made a motion that the audit report be accepted. Joe Kasza seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Budget for 2000 was presented. Steve McEndree made a motion that we accept the budget. Joe Kasza seconded the motion. Motion carried. The banking summary was given.

The Bent-Prowers Endowment Trust report was given by Steve McEndree. Milton Rink moved and Karren Turner seconded that we accept the Endowment Trust report. Motion carried.

Kerry Hartshorn, resolution chairman, read the different resolutions that we had written up. John Smartt moved and Karren Turner seconded the motion to accept all the resolutions at one time. Motion carried

Milton Rink, Nominating Committee Chairman, then presented the list of officers and directors nominated for the 2000 Board of Directors. They were as following:

President -	Bill Gray
1st Vice President -	Kerry Hartshorn
2nd vice President -	Greg Shalberg
Secretary/Treasurer -	Jo Ann McEndree
Past Presidents -	Bruce Fickenscher, Milton Rink, Dave Mendenhall
Prowers County Directors -	Dale Seufer, Marilyn Pettinger, Billy Downen and David Holden
Bent County Directors -	Joe Kasza, Lori Chase, Lane Bodey, Darren Ridley and Chris Hasser
Baca County Directors -	Steve McEndree, Keith VanCampen, Sam Mundell and Hans Hasser
Kiowa County Directors -	Dale Butler and John Negley
Otero County Directors -	Chi Bond, Ross Nielsen and Karren Turner

Steve McEndree moved that we accept these nominations by acclamation. Kerry Hartshorn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jo Ann McEndree
Secretary

Whereas, the membership of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association take great pride in being the first established livestock association in the State of Colorado, organized in 1870

Whereas, the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association believes, honors and upholds the Mission Statement of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association

Whereas, the mission statement can be found in the Colorado Cattlemen's Policy Book written as, "The mission of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association is to promote and protect the political, economic and social interests of the Colorado Beef Industry

Therefore, let it be resolved, we the members of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association encourage the Colorado Cattlemen's Association and its leadership to honor this mission statement at all times when conducting business and/or making decisions for the cattle producers in the State of Colorado and this nation.

Accepted on this Saturday, the 18th Day of March, in the Year of 2000 in La Junta, Colorado.

President

Secretary

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Whereas, the membership of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association are aware that the Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) funding is constitutionally mandated to award wildlife, outdoor recreation, open space and local government grants throughout the State of Colorado;

Whereas, the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association membership continues to see our children's educational opportunities threatened and ignored, as well as their educational facilities deteriorate;

Whereas, the membership of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association encourages the leadership of the cattle industry and our elected officials to do everything in their power to protect our children's educational rights and their future so they can produce and compete in tomorrow's market and maintain what our forefathers blessed upon us: the private ownership of land (the cornerstone of our great republic that defines capitalism) and the free enterprise system -- allowing agriculture and its people to prosper in our nation;

Whereas, our children do need parks, open space and recreational facilities;

Whereas, we shall always remember and never lose sight of the one gift we as parents, grandparents and leaders of this nation of the true human factor -- our children's education and well being shall come first and foremost;

Therefore, let it be resolved, we the members of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association encourages the Colorado Cattlemen's Association, our elected officials, and the citizens of this great state to amend the Colorado Constitution to allocate the necessary funding for our children's education and the funds needed to upgrade and meet all federal and states mandates and codes for our educational facilities, a clear portion of the GOCO funds. Our children shall come first.

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Whereas, It has come to the attention of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association, that the United States Government acting through the National Parks Service, Bureau of Land Management, or other Federal Government agencies, is contemplating the creation of a Sand Creek Massacre Memorial or Sand Creek Massacre Historic Site at the location of the Sand Creek Massacre in Kiowa County, Colorado.

Whereas, In the alternative "Sand Creek Massacre Historical Site", the proposed historic boundary would include approximately 19.5 sections of land (12,480 acres).

Therefore, let it be resolved, we the members of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association do hereby recommend that any and all of the land purchased, leased, or otherwise acquired for the site of the Sand Creek Massacre, be acquired solely from WILLING sellers and/or Lessors, and that no control be exerted by the Federal Government by condemnation or other regulatory measures, upon any landowners who are not willing to enter into an agreement with the Federal Government for such purpose.

BENT-PROWERS RESOLUTION #4

WHEREAS: Since our last annual meeting, many of our beloved and valued members passed to their reward. We who remain, have enjoyed and benefited from their association with us and we are saddened by their absence.

WHEREAS: We share in the sorrow of their families and loved ones and to their memory we pledge to support the principles which these great men and women have firmly instilled in our association.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: We, the members of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association, now stand to take a moment to memorialize our deceased members.